

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of)
Robert T. Foster et al.)
Application No.:) Group Art Unit:
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For: METHOD OF USING DEUTERATED)
CALCIUM CHANNEL BLOCKERS)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, which is a continuation application of 09/558,325, please enter the following amendment.

Please cancel claims 1-28 and add claims 29-44 as follows:

29. A dihydropyridine compound wherein at least one of the hydrogen atoms is replaced with a deuterium atom, characterized in that said dihydropyridine compound is deuterated nifedipine having the formula

